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I. POLICY

In recognition of the high-risk nature of adolescent pregnancy, perinatal medical care shall be provided for pregnant youth.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to group homes, detention centers, and youth development centers.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. As a part of the physical assessment and examination process, all females entering a DJJ facility shall have a pregnancy test upon admission.
- B. If the youth tests positive, the continued placement of that youth in a DJJ group home or youth development center shall be based upon the advice and counsel of the DJJ Medical Director. Upon completion of the second trimester, continuation in the DJJ facility shall be determined by the DJJ Medical Director.
- C. Pregnant youth shall receive regular pre-natal and post-natal care, to include care and management of chemically addicted juveniles, excluding detoxification for which a youth will be referred to an appropriate treatment and detoxification center. This includes routine medical examinations, advice on appropriate activity levels, safety precautions, nutrition, guidance and counseling as ordered and directed by qualified health care professionals, including physicians having obstetrical privileges at the hospital where the delivery is likely to take place.

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- D. Health trained, behavioral health, and medical staff shall counsel pregnant youth on importance of informing staff of drug use, any symptoms of drug withdrawal, and any physical or mental issues.
- E. Pregnant females shall receive education regarding possible adverse effects on the fetus associated with tobacco, alcohol and other drug use.
- F. Health trained, behavioral health, and medical staff shall address any substance abuse issues, physical, or emotional issues of pregnant youth.
- G. Medical staff shall facilitate a relationship with an O/B provider for prenatal care of the youth for continuous medical treatment while in a DJJ facility and to ensure smooth transitioning back to the community.
- H. All pregnant youth and expecting fathers shall be offered parenting education.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the Medical Director, Registered Nurse, the Nurse Administrator, or designee and the Quality Assurance Branch.